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In re application of: Ruben et al.

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For: **Secreted Protein HEMCM42**
(as amended herein)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, applicants hereby request that the following amendments and remarks be entered into the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) an Information Disclosure Statement, with Form PTO/SB/08 and a copy of the cited references AA-CX. Please amend the application as follows.

In the Title:

Please delete the existing title and replace therefor --Secreted Protein HEMCM42 --.

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, please replace the first paragraph with the following paragraph:

--This application is a Divisional of, and claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of copending U.S. Application No. 09/690,454, filed October 18, 2000, which is hereby incorporated by reference, which is a Continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/189,144, filed November 10, 1998, and abandoned on October 31, 2000, which is hereby incorporated by reference, which is a continuation-in-part of, and claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of copending International Application No. PCT/US98/10868, filed May 28, 1998, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on U.S. Provisional Applications:--

At page 61, above line 1, please insert --Table 1--.